## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

**PROCEEDINGS** 

: ORDER OF

RE: TERESA M. GALLAGHER, L.P.N. SUMMARY SUSPENSION

AND NOTICE OF HEARING

License No. P007404,

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Licensee

WHEREAS, Teresa M. Gallagher, L.P.N., ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and hold license number P007404; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 11, 2006, Board staff, Andrew Albers interviewed the Licensee who was then incarcerated in the Roberts County Jail due to a positive breathalyzer in violation of the terms of her bond from an October, 2006, DUI arrest. Licensee advised that she had 40 days of jail time left.

A review of the Robert's County Clerk of Court's records indicated that the Licensee had pled guilty to a felony DUI third offense on November 30, 2006.

On or about January 20, 2007, the Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice, attended an Informal Meeting with Board staff, and agreed to make an appearance before the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") during the April, 2007 meeting to discuss the felony charges.

Licensee was unable to attend the April, 2007, Board meeting to address the Board; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

## NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action against Licensee's license.
- 3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the Licensee's actions may endanger the public health, safety and welfare and imperatively requires the Board to take emergency action.
- 4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at anytime for "good cause" and upon the completion of all terms and conditions of her participation in HPAP, their evaluation and

subsequent clearance. This Order also affects licensee's privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact, then licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.

- 5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
- 6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a practical nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the 18th, day of April, 2007, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modifications and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

## NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Teresa M. Gallagher, LPN, License No. P007404 ("Licensee") as follows:

- 1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on June 20, 2007, at /100 o'clock p.m. at the South Dakota Board of Nursing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
- 3. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.
- 4. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 18 day of April, 2007.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director